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**LAST MEMBER OF WEST TEXAS DRUG TRAFFICKING CONSPIRACY
SENTENCED IN FEDERAL COURT**

United States Attorney Johnny Sutton announced that Eric Paul Kreuger, 38, of Fort Worth and formerly of Big Spring, was sentenced to life imprisonment yesterday for Conspiracy to Distribute 50 grams or more of Methamphetamine. On October 1, 2008, a federal jury in Midland found Kreuger guilty. Filomeno Trevino "Teeny" Franco, 40, of Cedar Park and formerly of Big Spring, was also found guilty in the same trial of Conspiracy to Distribute 5 Kilograms or More of Cocaine. Franco was sentenced in December to 23 years and 2 months in federal prison.

"Dope dealers like Kreuger destroy lives and ruin families - those who enter this evil business will pay a huge price, stated U.S. Attorney Johnny Sutton."

At the trial, the evidence presented by the government showed that during 2006 and 2007, Franco had been a major supplier of cocaine to several of his co-conspirators from Big Spring, many of whom testified against him at trial. The evidence also showed that Kreuger was a supplier of methamphetamine to many of the same people. The cocaine and methamphetamine supplied by these defendants and others eventually was distributed in Big Spring, Midland, and the surrounding areas.

Kreuger and Franco were the last of 15 defendants sentenced in this and related cases. Previously convicted and sentenced last fall for their role in the conspiracy were:

Spencer Lee Coker, 38, of Big Spring, 235 months in prison;
Jancy Jeanette Cunningham, 40, of Big Spring, 46 months in prison;
Michael Zachariah Gomez, 27, of Fort Worth, 57 months in prison;
Usbaldo "Rick" Castillo, 24, of Amarillo, 108 months in prison;
Patricia Sue Howard, 38, of Big Spring, 97 months in prison;
Christopher Wren Hamby, 32, of Big Spring, 41 months in prison;
Randy Rene Olvera, 46, of Big Spring, 120 months in prison;
Michael Terrell Randall, of Coahoma, 240 months in prison;
John Corbett Williford, 35, of Big Spring, 140 months in prison;
Kristin Rene Hawkins, 26, of Big Spring, 77 months in prison;
Kevin Dwayne Rodgers, 34, of Big Spring, 240 months in prison;
Rachel Francine Zavala, 23, of Big Spring, 57 months in prison;
Robert Edward Baker, Jr., 35, of Big Spring, 110 months in prison; and
Angela Coker Mayhall, 40, of Big Spring, 41 months in prison;

The case was investigated by the Midland Police Department, and was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Jeff Parras.

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